Letter from a Community College Professor in Northern California to His Students…

1. What is the author’s tone?

Humorous - Serious

Personal/Subjective - Impersonal/Objective

Casual/Offhanded - Impassioned

Zany/Experimental - Controlled/Reserved

Plainspoken/Simple - Ornate/Elaborate

Find textual evidence to support your answer.

1. Who is the intended audience?
2. Why does the author write this piece? Is his purpose to:

-inform

-entertain

-provoke

-influence

Find textual evidence to support your answer.

1. What advice does the author give? Do you agree or disagree with this advice? Have you had any personal experiences related to the author’s advice?